

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The office action dated July 11, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, claims 1, 11 and 12 are amended. No new matter is added. Claims 10, 13 and 14 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 11-12, and 15-20 are currently pending, of which claims 15-20 are withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In Office Action, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-14 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of copending Application No. 10/825,206 in view of JP 2002-258299 (hereinafter "JP'299"). However, for the sole purpose of expediting the prosecution of the present application, claims 1, 11 and 12 are amended. Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments in claims 1, 11 and 12, this provisional double patenting rejection is now believed to be moot.

In the Office Action, claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Related Art ("ARA"). Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2002-258299 (hereinafter "JP'299").

The rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted art is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent claim 1 is allowable over admitted art in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a substrate on which a plurality of image display parts is arranged in M columns of N lines, where N and M are greater than 2", "N syringes affixed at

each support to dispense a material on the substrate” and “wherein the supports are independently driven from each other so that the syringes at each support dispense dispensing material in the image display parts corresponding to the support.” Admitted art does not teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention.

In ARA, the dispenser includes only one support having a plurality of syringes to dispense the dispensing material in the image display parts arranged in M columns of N lines. Contrary to ARA, in the claimed invention the dispenser includes M support having N syringes to dispense the dispensing material in the image display parts arranged in M columns of N lines. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-9 and 11-12, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over admitted art.

The rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP’299 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent claim 1 is allowable over JP’299 in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a substrate on which a plurality of image display parts is arranged in M columns of N lines, where N and M are greater than 2”, “N syringes affixed at each support to dispense a material on the substrate” and “wherein the supports are independently driven from each other so that the syringes at each support dispense dispensing material in the image display parts corresponding to the support.” JP’299 does not teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention.

In JP’299, a plurality of syringes are disposed above one liquid crystal panel to dispense the liquid crystal material on only one panel through the plurality of syringes as shown in figure 1. Thus, JP’299 does not teach or suggest “the supports are independently driven from each other so that the syringes at each support dispense dispensing material in the image display parts

corresponding to the support.” Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-9 and 11-12, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over JP’299.

Applicants believe the foregoing Response places the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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